

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Audiologists and speech language pathologists in Arkansas observe and celebrate Better Hearing and Speech month each year during the month of May; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas recognizes and values the efforts of all who work to eliminate or minimize the isolating effects of communication disorders in the one in 10 families affected by them; and

WHEREAS: Those citizens of Arkansas who have overcome their communication disabilities through the services of dedicated audiologists and speech language pathologists should be recognized; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas is proud and honored to have over 1,800 audiologists and speech language pathologists offering quality education and health services to its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 2017, as

**BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH**

across the State, and I encourage all citizens to recognize the achievements of audiologists and speech language pathologists in improving the quality of life for people with communication disorders.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord 2017.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



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Mark Martin, Secretary Of State